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Quality Assurance of gINT Data Using EQuIS Data Processor (EDP)

EQuIS Data Processor (EDP) assures integrity of gINT data before data is submitted to the Geotechnical Engineering Unit (GEU). Field personnel must run EDP and create an error-free log before any subsurface inventory is distributed by the GEU.

Access EDP as a standalone application.

Open or Download, Install and Open EDP Standalone Application

If not installed, download EDP standalone from EarthSoft and install (refer to Appendix). Once installed, open EDP as a standalone application.

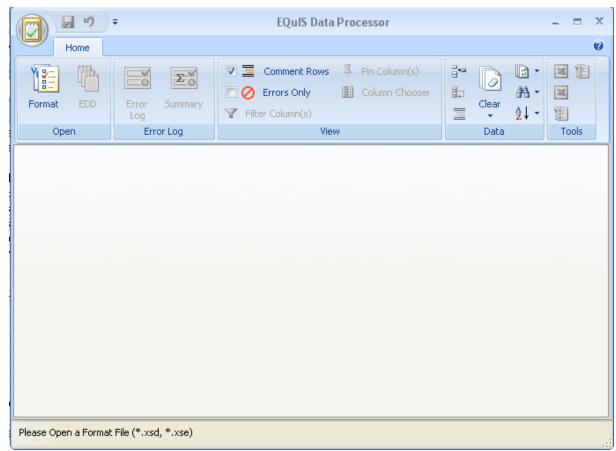


Figure 4: EQuIS Data Processor Opened

o Click on Format (Initially)

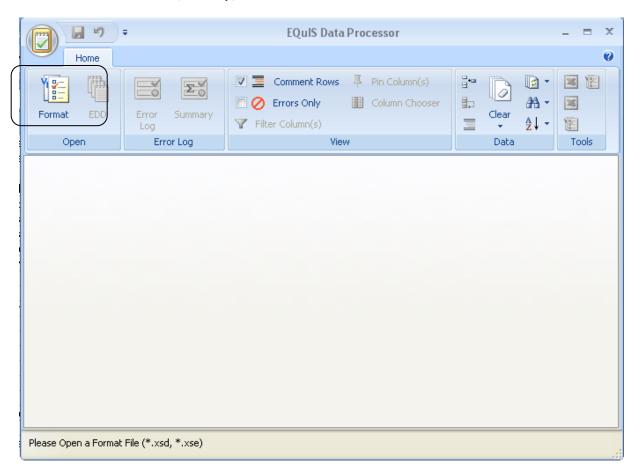


Figure 5: EQuIS Data Processor (Click Format)

Select Path to Format File (Initially)

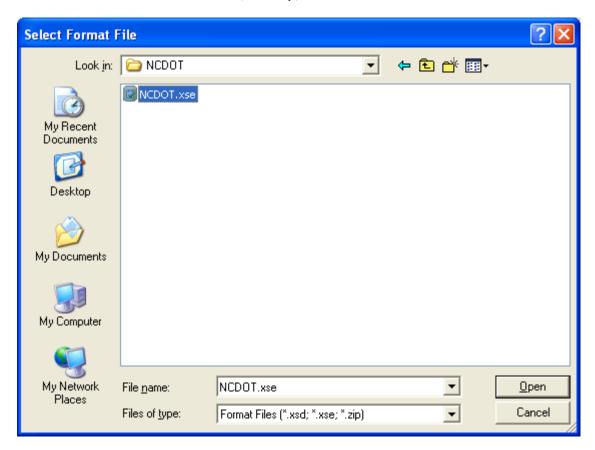


Figure 6: Select Format File

Select the path to the NCDOT.xse format file. (*Do not* use the upper-most green check button to *Open, Save, Register* because the software needs to recognize a request to register for *NCDOT format file* in order to find the custom NCDOT/EarthSoft registration website.)

The file location is C:\NCDOT_V8_WORKSPACE\GEOTECHNICAL_STDS\Standards\appl\equis (The same folder must contain NCDOT.xse, NCDOT.vbe, NCDOT.dll, and NCDOT.rvf files.) If files are unavailable to NCDOT users, then update NCDOT Workspace.

Users external to NCDOT (e.g., Consultants) may find these files at default location C:\Program Files\EarthSoft\EQuIS\Formats upon installation of EDP standalone (refer to Appendix).

License (Initially)

The user is prompted to request license key from EarthSoft when initially opening the NCDOT format file in EDP standalone. Click *register* in the Evaluation window that emerges to get to the Software Registration window.

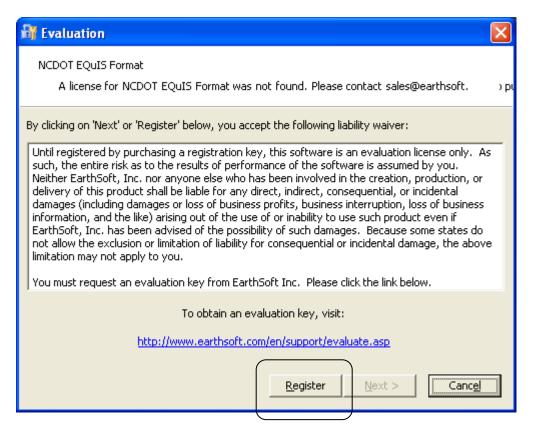


Figure 7: Evaluation Window of EarthSoft Software Registration

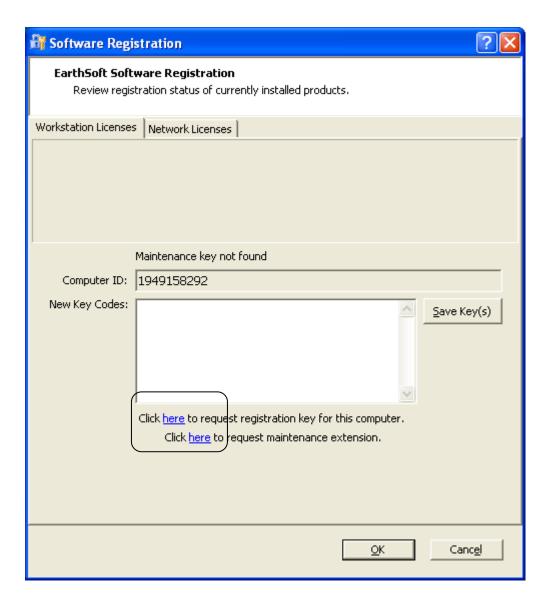


Figure 8: EarthSoft Software Registration to Click Here

To request a license key click the hyperlink <u>here</u> to request registration key (Figure 8), which brings up the NCDOT/EarthSoft custom registration webpage. The computer ID will automatically populate the webpage form. Fill out webpage (Figure 9).

(Or go directly to http://community.earthsoft.com/registration/edp_NCDOT.asp and copy/paste the Computer ID from software registration window on your PC (similar to Figure 8) into the webpage (Figure 9).)

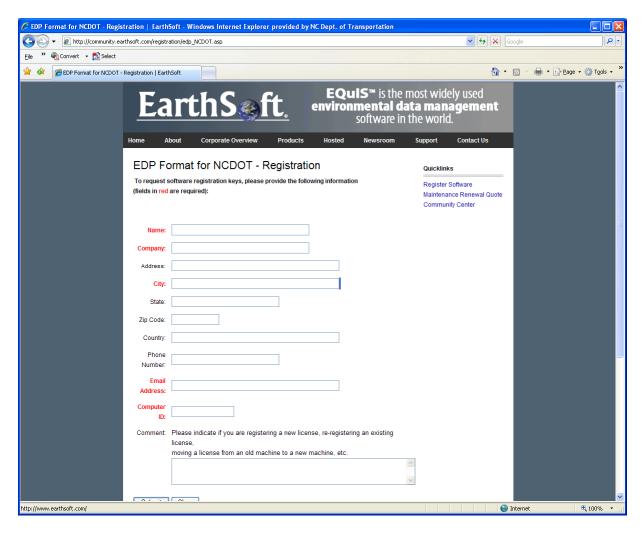


Figure 9: EQuIS EarthSoft Webpage

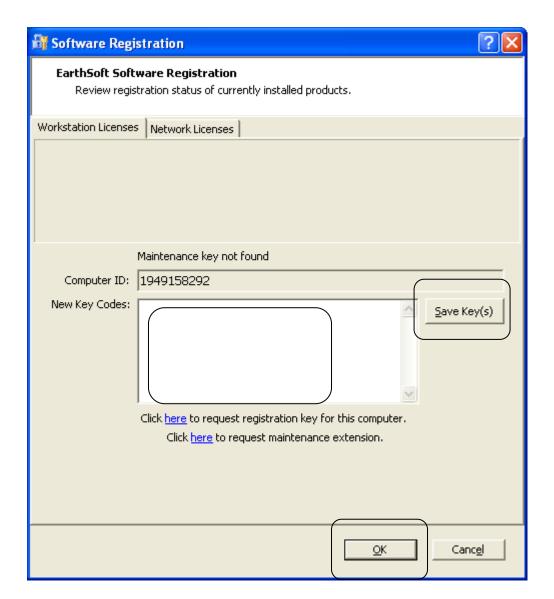


Figure 10: EarthSoft Software Registration to Paste Key

Receive the license key from NCDOT Geotechnical Engineering Unit, Production Support by email. Paste key into *New Key Codes* (Figure 10). *Click Save Key(s)* and click *OK*.

Only users that have permission to write to C:\Program Files\EarthSoft will be able to register.

Return to the EDP and re-browse to workspace again to successfully select NCDOT.xse.

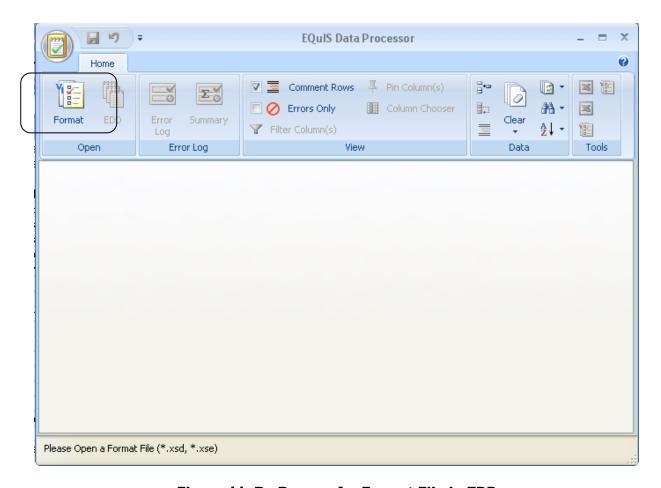


Figure 11: Re-Browse for Format File in EDP

Left-click on Electronic Data Delivery (EDD) in EDP

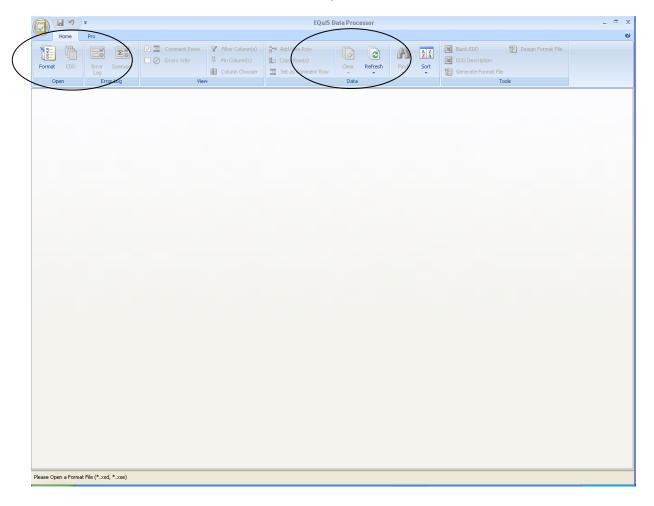


Figure 12: EQuIS Data Processor (Click *EDD*) (Clear function also circled)

Select gINT Data File

Select data file of an existing gINT file.

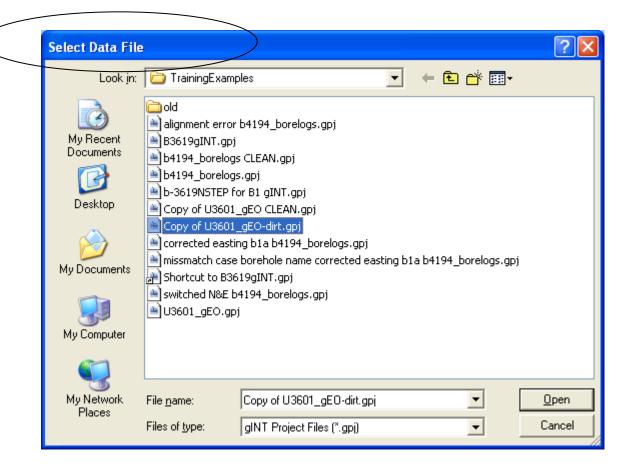


Figure 13: Select Data File

Populate EDD

Double-click the *File name* or *Open* (Figure 13) to result in screen in Figure 14. If EDP application has already been run and another file is to be run in EDP, then clear the initial data with the *Clear* function and *Clear EDD* in the toolbar (circled in Figure 12). Re-browsing to the format file in EDP will assure the system is refreshed without re-opening the application.

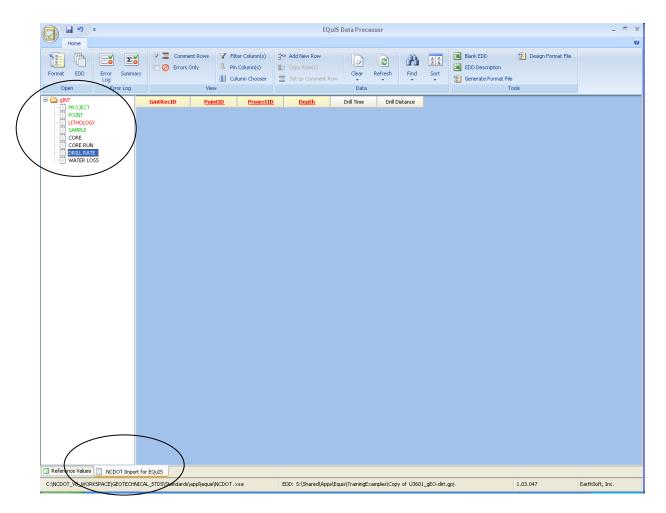


Figure 14: EQuIS Data Processor Populated

Assure Quality

Assure integrity of data in the various gINT tables before transmitting subsurface inventory to the Unit Head for distribution by Production Support.

The red text of the *LITHOLOGY* table (Figure 14) indicates an error caused by gINT entry of a non-standard value that needs to be corrected *in gINT* by field personnel. Green highlight (Figure 15) indicates the field that contains an error. This error occurred because the standard drop-down menu of gINT was not used.

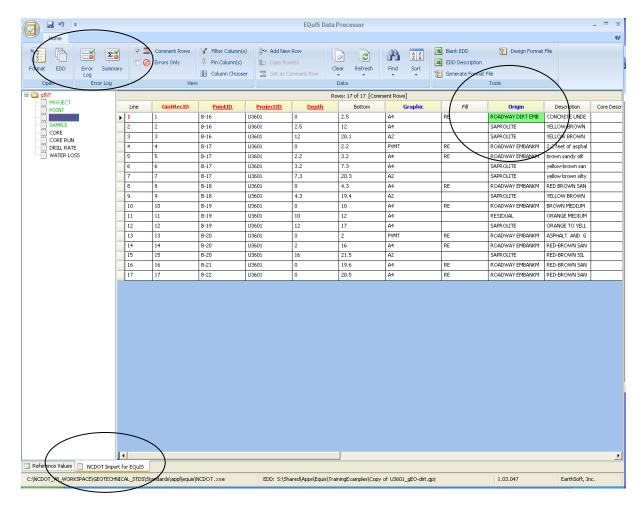


Figure 15: EQuIS Data Processor Errors

Generate Error Log

Click *Error Log* to generate .htm-file error log.

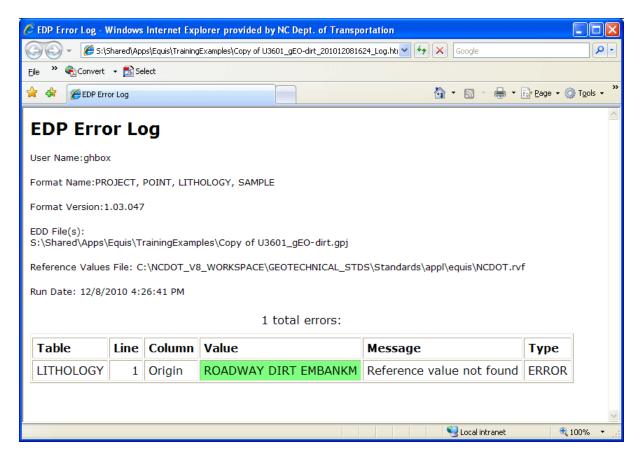


Figure 16: EDP Error Log

Handle Error(s) in gINT and Repopulate EDD

Repair any incorrect gINT entries and repopulate EDD. A correct gINT record will reveal *green*, error-free tables as revealed on the *NCDOT Import for EQuIS* tab (Figure 17).

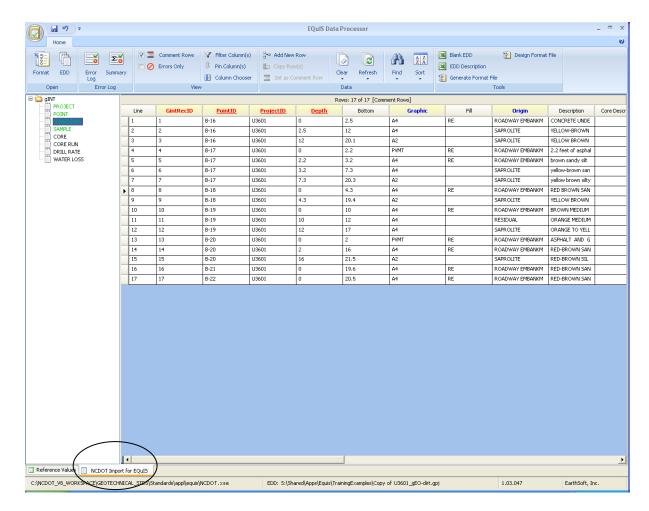


Figure 17: Error-Free EQuIS Data Processor

In the column headers on tab NCDOT Import for EQuIS: red text indicates a required field, underscored-red text indicates a component of a primary key, and blue text indicates fields governed by reference value tables (reference value tables function as interrelated drop-down lists).

Generate an Error-Free Error Log.

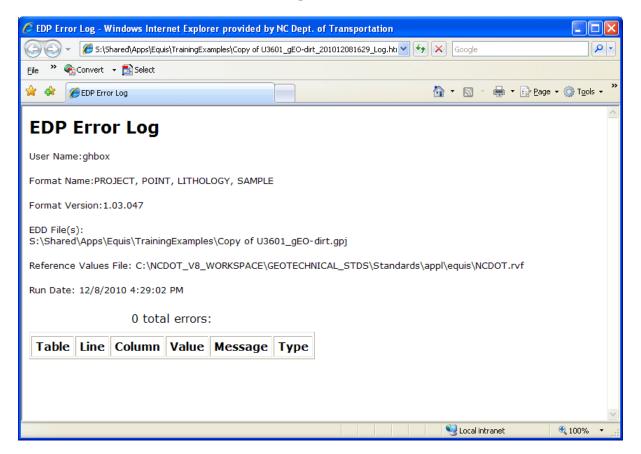


Figure 18: Error-Free Error Log

Submit Error-Free Error Log and gINT for Upload to EQuIS upon Distribution

Indicate on the Transmittal Form that EDP was run and that an error-free error log was successfully generated when requesting the GEU Unit Head to distribute a product through Production Support.

Examples of Common gINT Errors

TIP requires Hyphen, if applicable

Lack of hyphen in TIP will not be detected by EDP because some TIP numbers do not have hyphens, therefore it cannot be screened for by code.

"WARNING: TIP: Maximum field length should be 11 characters long. First 1 or 2 characters should be letters followed by an optional hyphen and 4 characters should be numeric, and can be followed by up to 3 optional letters. Please assure TIP is in this field."

o Reversal of TIP and WBS

This error will be detected if a hyphen is included in WBS.

"WARNING: WBS: Minimum field length should be 5 characters and maximum field length should be 15 characters. All characters should be alpha-numeric (letters and/or numbers) except decimal characters ('.') are allowed. Please assure WBS is in this field.-If WBS should a have hyphen, then contact GHBOX."

"WARNING: TIP: Maximum field length should be 11 characters long. First 1 or 2 characters should be letters followed by an optional hyphen and 4 characters should be numeric, and can be followed by up to 3 optional letters. Please assure TIP is in this field."

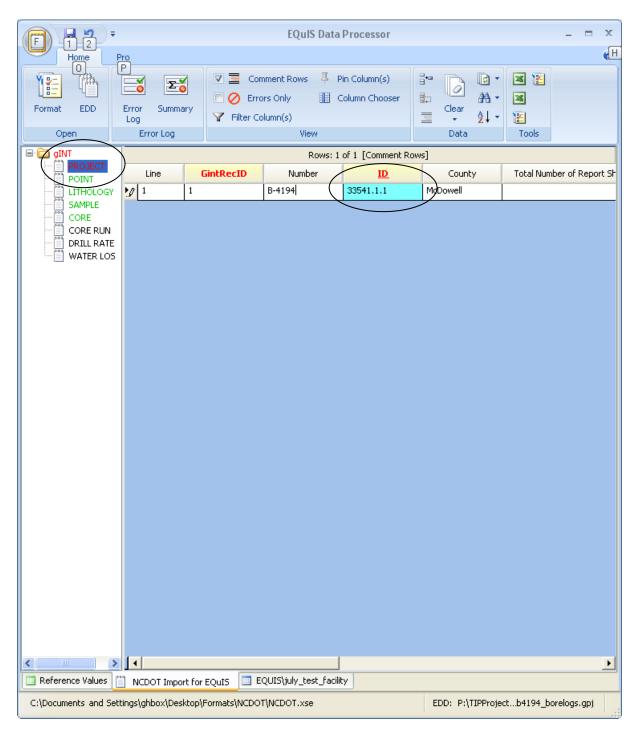


Figure 19: Erroneous TIP

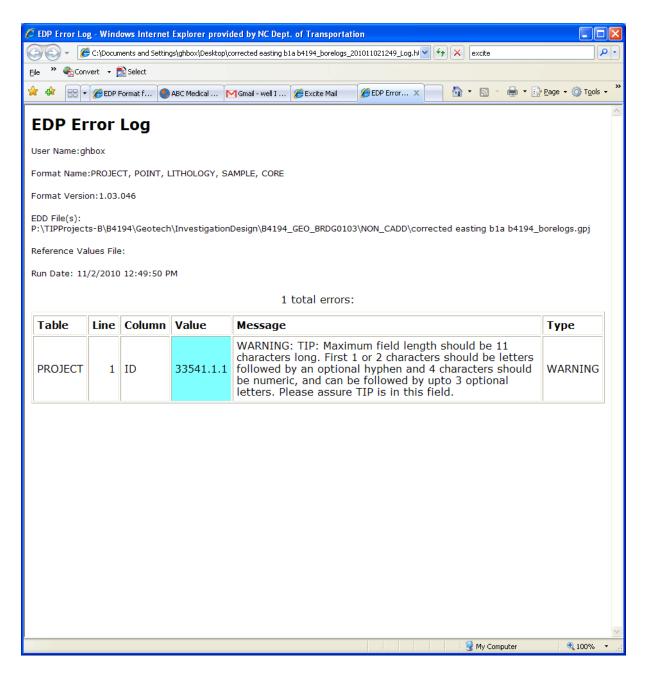


Figure 20: Erroneous TIP Error Log

Northing and Easting Range

"North must be between 30,000 and 1,050,000." "East must be between 400,000 and 3,060,000."

The Easting in Figure 21 falls out of range.

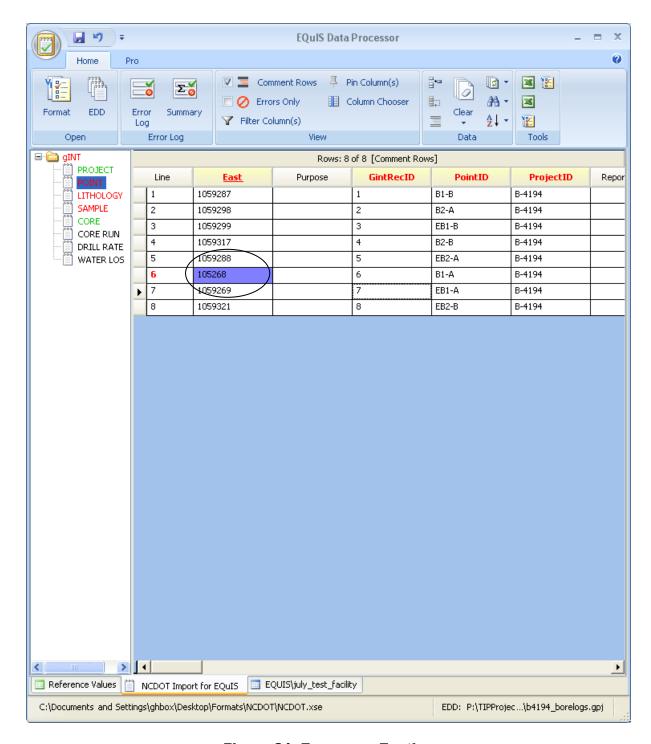


Figure 21: Erroneous Easting

Typographical error cascades into other tables (Figure 22).

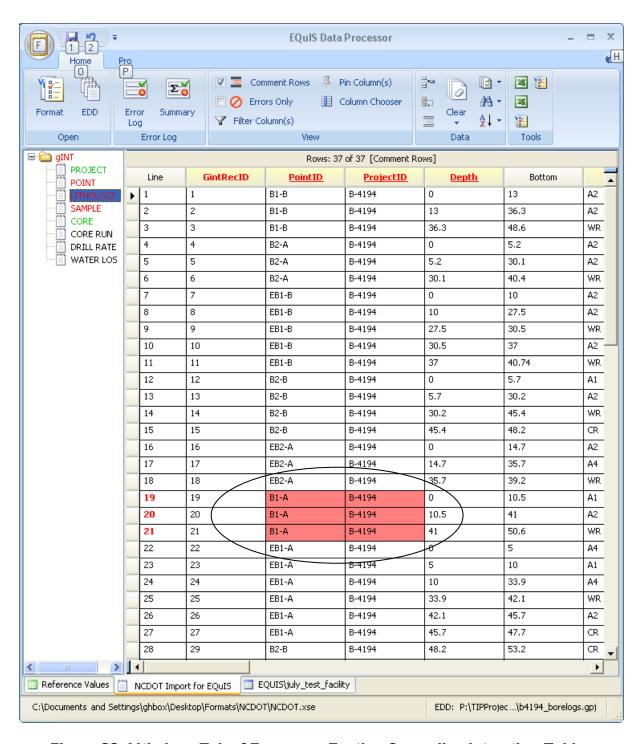


Figure 22: Lithology Tab of Erroneous Easting Cascading into other Tables

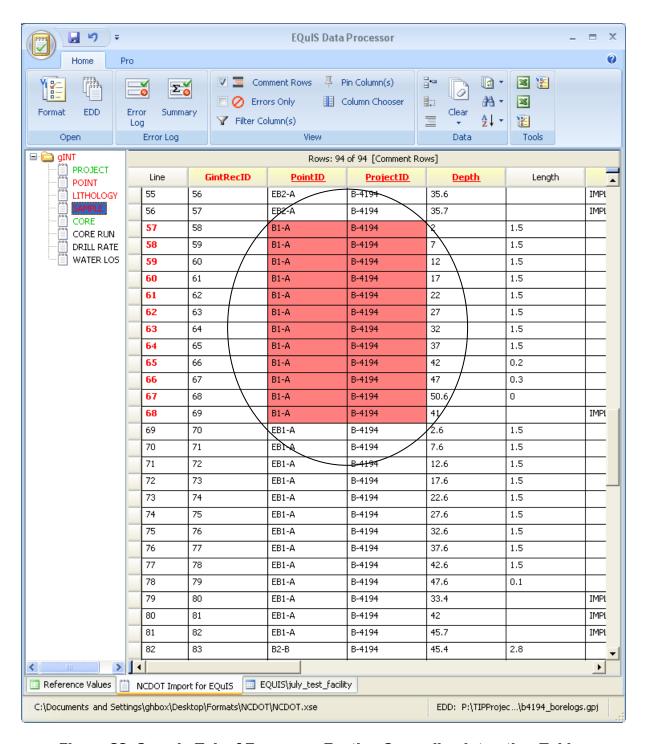


Figure 23: Sample Tab of Erroneous Easting Cascading into other Tables

Error reflects in error report (Figure 24).

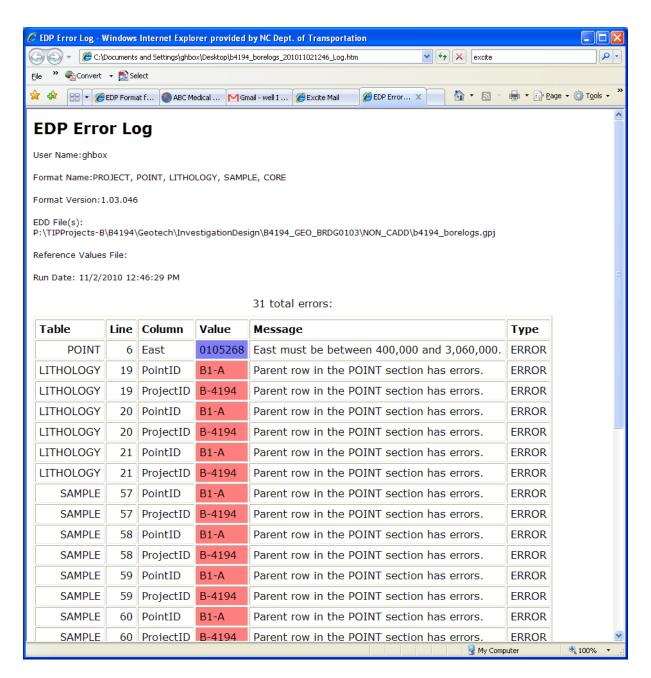


Figure 24: Erroneous Easting Error Log

The problem needs to be *fixed in gINT*, to result in clean tables (Figure 25).

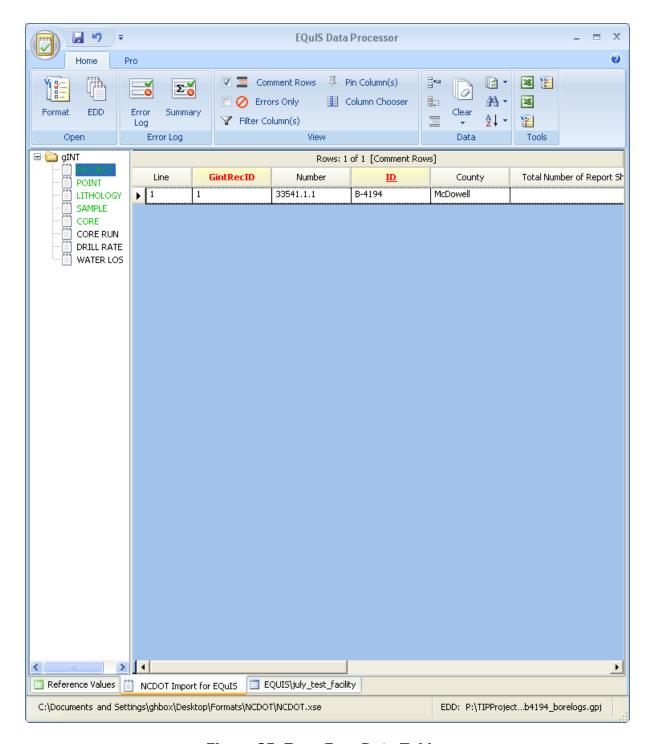


Figure 25: Error Free Data Tables

Thus, to result in an error-free error report (Figure 26).

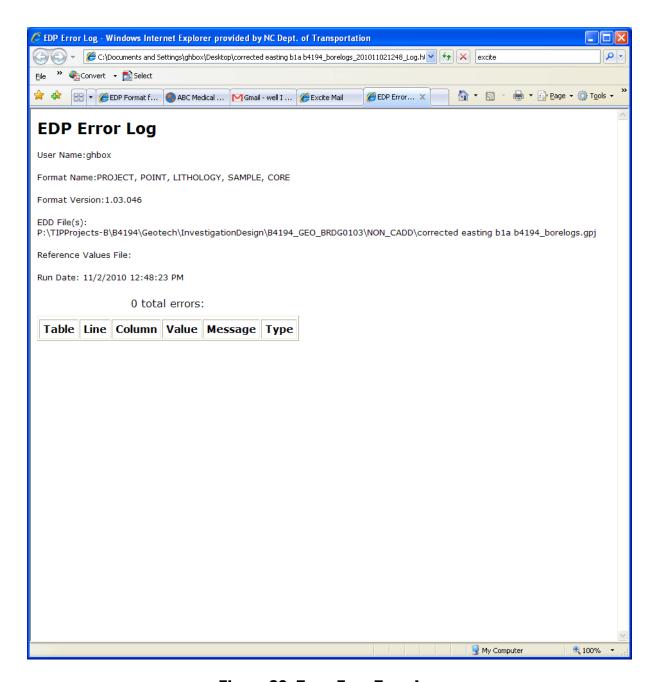


Figure 26: Error-Free Error Log

o Alignment must Begin and End with a Hyphen

"WARNING: Value should begin and end with a hyphen."

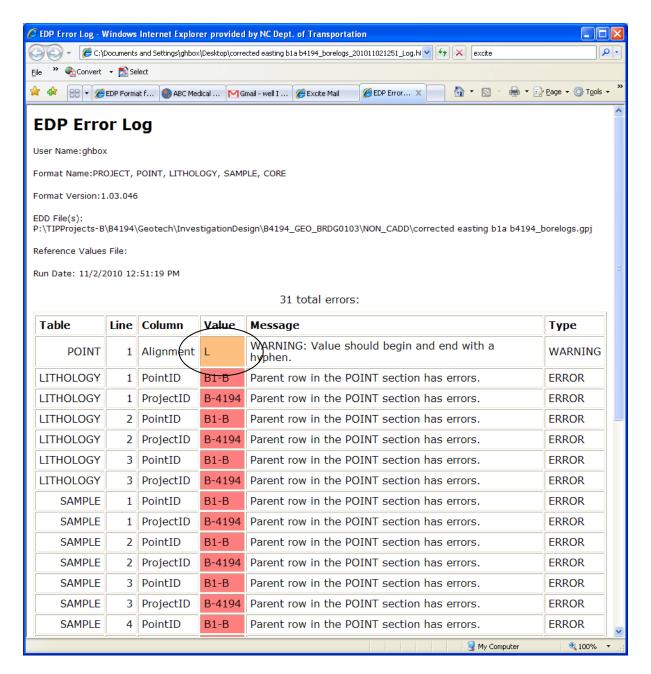


Figure 27: Erroneous Alignment

O Parent Row must Exist Error-Free

A variety of possible causes for this error include:

➤ Boring Identifier must be Uppercase

"Parent row in the POINT section has errors." 'Parent record must exist in the POINT section and not have errors.'

If the boring identifier was entered in lowercase, then it will be cast in uppercase as a primary-key component in child tables below. The lowercase in gINT will be preserved in DT_LOCATION table and thus create a mismatch with the uppercase value in the children tables.

According to the NCDOT GEU Guidelines & Procedures Manual for Subsurface Investigations:

100-8 DRAFTING PROCEDURES FOR STRUCTURES

A degree of consistency must be kept on all geotechnical reports. The reason for consistency is that the report will be filed until the project is built. All Units within the NCDOT have been trained using a certain symbology and that symbology should be followed in all reports submitted for letting by the NCDOT. The following procedures have been provided to aid in drafting. The bridge number, or bridge site number from Structure Design Unit, and TIP number must appear on all profiles and cross sections and in the header of all boring logs.

Individual boring logs are required for each hole bored for a bridge foundation investigation.

The following information will be required on boring logs submitted for each project:

Boring identification (EB1-A, B1-B, etc.)

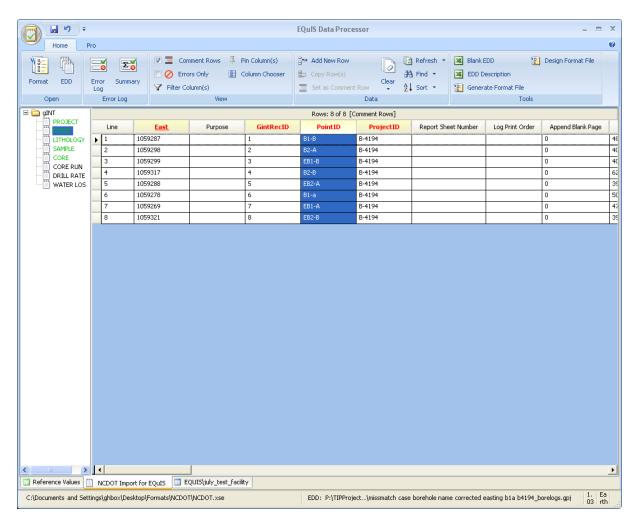


Figure 28: Point Table of Erroneous Lowercase-Uppercase Mismatch

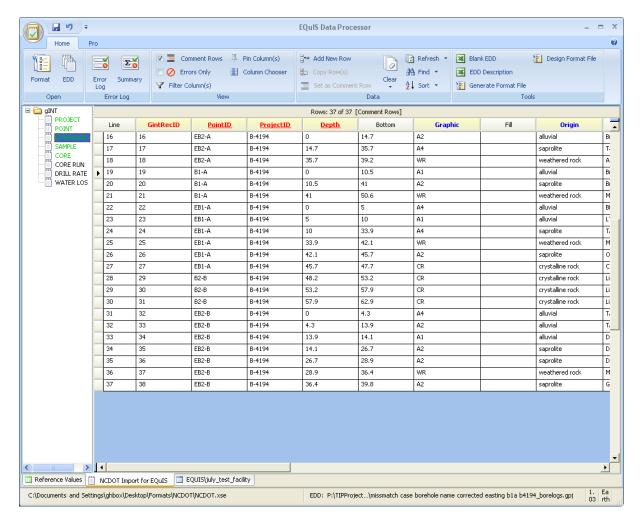


Figure 29: Lithology Table of Erroneous Lowercase-Uppercase Mismatch

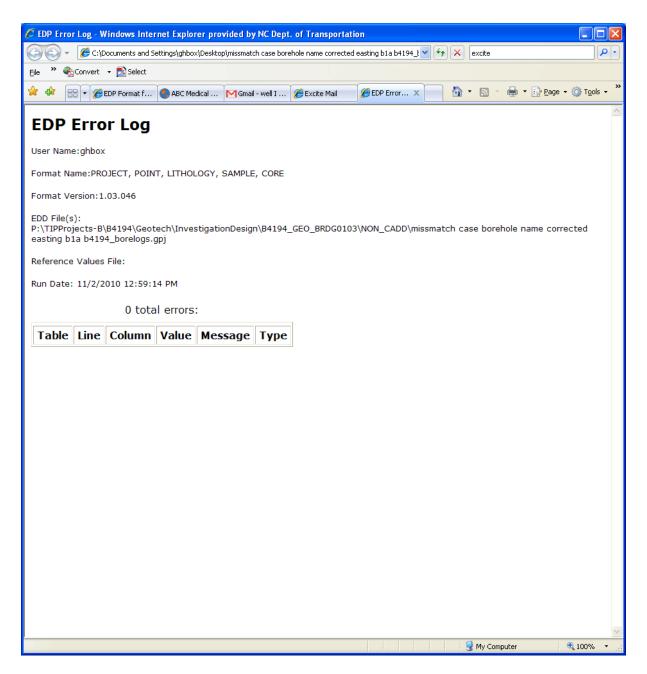


Figure 30: Erroneous Lowercase-Uppercase Mismatch EDP Error Log

An error-free error log will be produced as seen in the figures above; *however*, when NCDOT GEU Production Support creates the EDP package the following error results as in Figure 31.

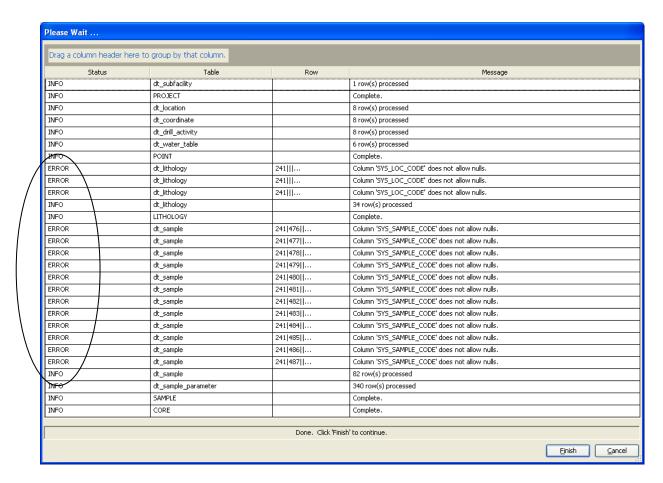


Figure 31: Production Support Upload Result of Erroneous Lowercase-Uppercase Mismatch

Therefore, this needs to be given careful attention to QA/QC by field personnel, because it will cause upload failure when Production Support processes the gINT, despite generating an error-free error log.

Metric Projects will not be Loaded to EQuIS

"Projects using metric coordinates may not be imported."

o Rounding to 1 foot for Horizontal and 1.0 foot for Vertical Distance

"Round value to the nearest whole number." "Round decimal values to the nearest tenth."

A common cause for this error is in the application of *Implied Blows* in cases where *N-Step* is appropriate.

Implied Blows is designed to display a kink in the line connecting blows on the boring log, not to display a horizontal line at the boundary of a lithology. There, it is appropriate to use N-Step only.

➤ Implied Blows

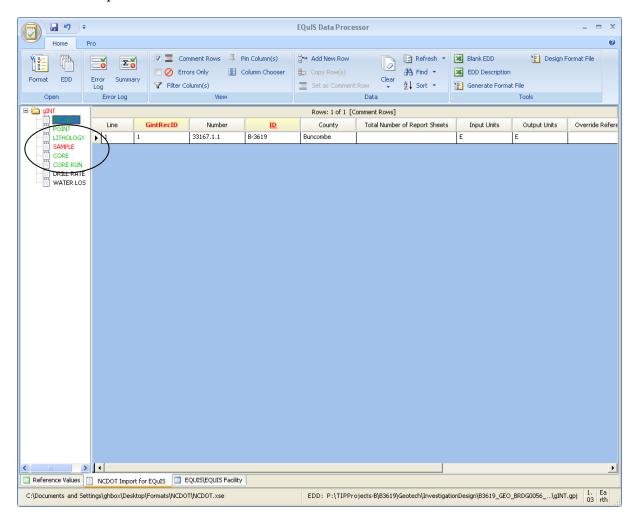


Figure 32: Red Text Indicating Erroneous Rounding due to Implied Blows

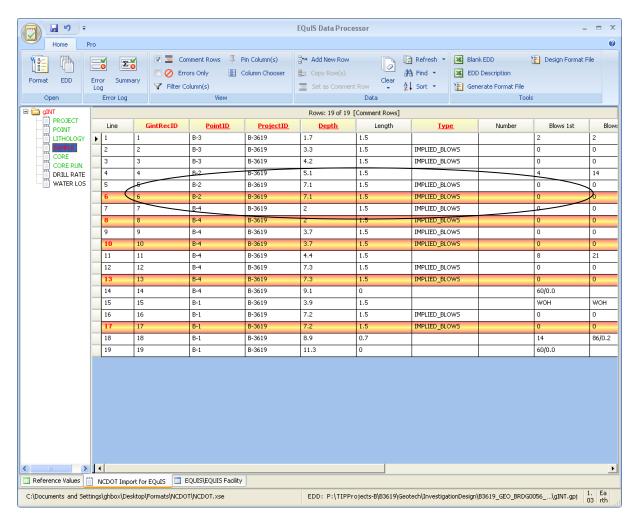


Figure 33: Orange Highlight Indicating Erroneous Rounding due to Implied Blows

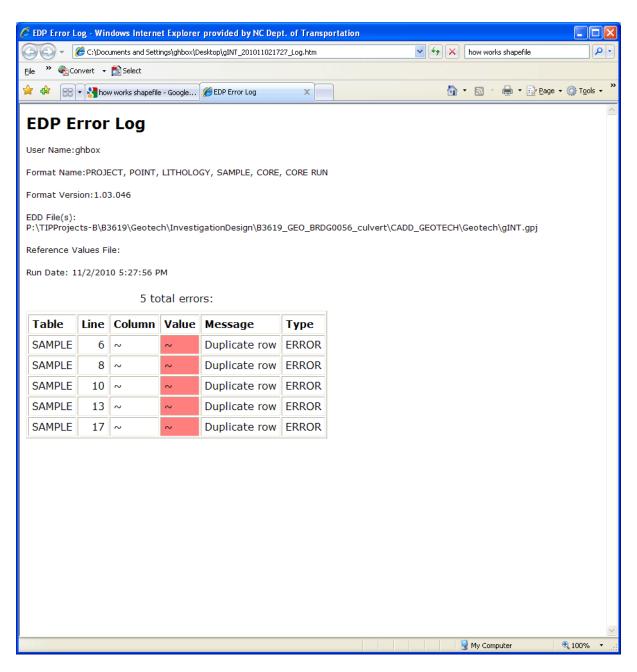


Figure 34: Duplicate-Row EDP Error Log due to Implied Blows Rounding Error

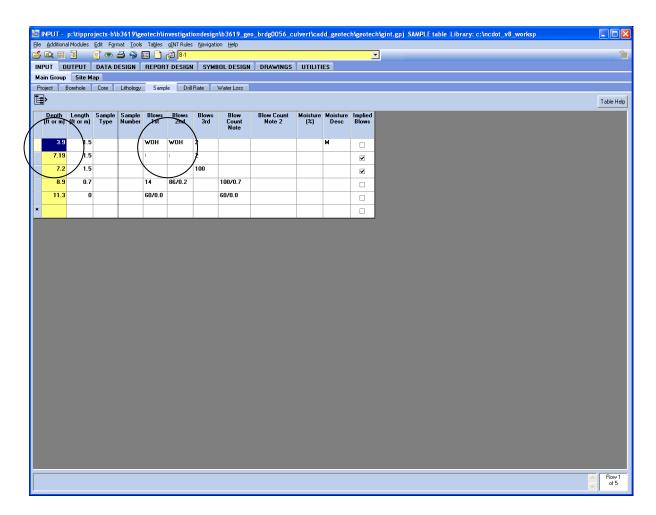


Figure 35: gINT Input Error using Implied Blows for N-Step

Depth must be rounded to tenths. Blows 1 and Blows 2 must be null if implied blows is checked.

Refer to Nstep and implied blows at: S:\Shared\Apps\gINT\Training2006\Class\gINT_TrainingDoc_Sept2006.doc

Step N Value 1st and Step N Value 2nd: Leave these fields blank if no Blow Count Graph will be included in the Borelog Report. Also leave the fields blank when the Blow Count curve is to pass through the base of the unit without an inflexion.

Enter a value in either field to force an inflexion in the curve at the base of the unit.

To force a "step" in the graph at the base of the unit, enter values in these fields. The graph steps to the right if the first value is less than the second value. It steps left for the reverse condition.

The B1 field log shows a step in the graph at the base of the first unit. Enter "3" and "16" respectively in the two fields.

First, note that a vertex for the Blow Count graph is shown on the field log at the ground surface. Enter the following values.

Depth: 0

Length: blank

Blows 1st, 2nd, and 3rd: null, null, 10

Implied Blows: checked

Note that to force a vertex in the blow count graph, the record is entered with a Depth value, but no Length value. Also, the first two Blows fields receive "0", and the third Blows field receives the implied blow count value.

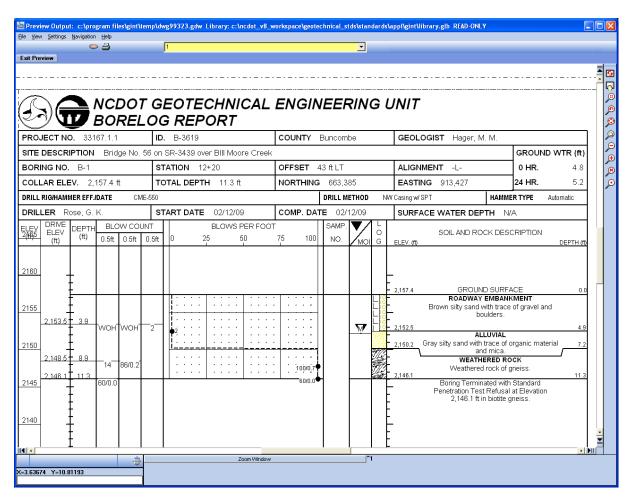


Figure 36: Display of Boring Log gINT Error using Implied Blows for N-Step

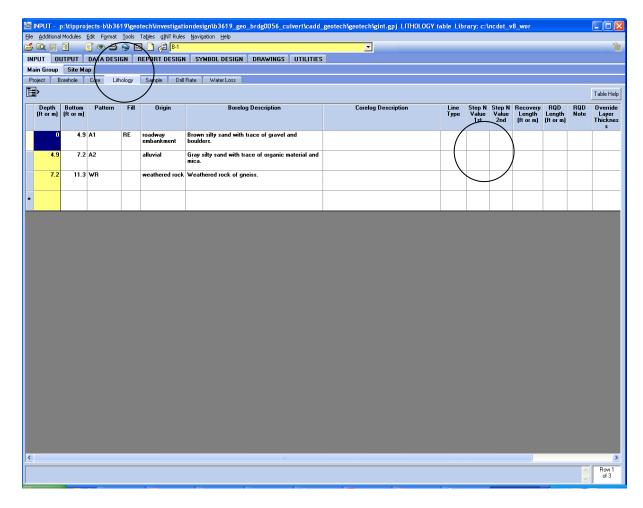


Figure 37: Null N-Step Input on gINT Lithology Tab using Implied Blows for N-Step

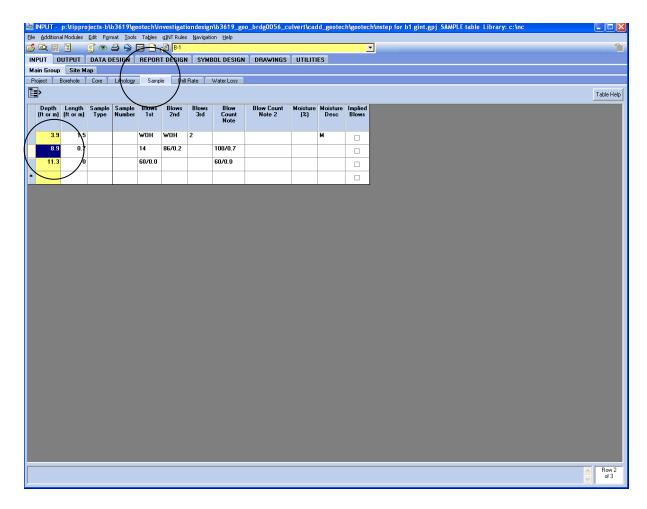


Figure 38: Corrected Sample Tab N-Step instead of Implied Blows

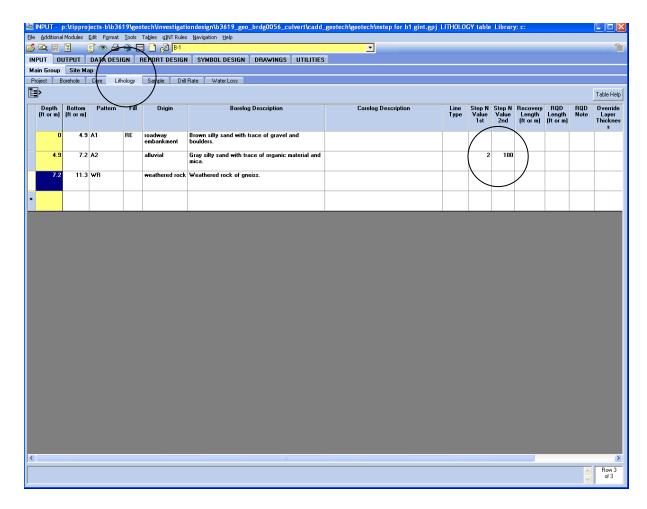


Figure 39: Corrected gINT Lithology Tab using N-Step rather than Implied Blows

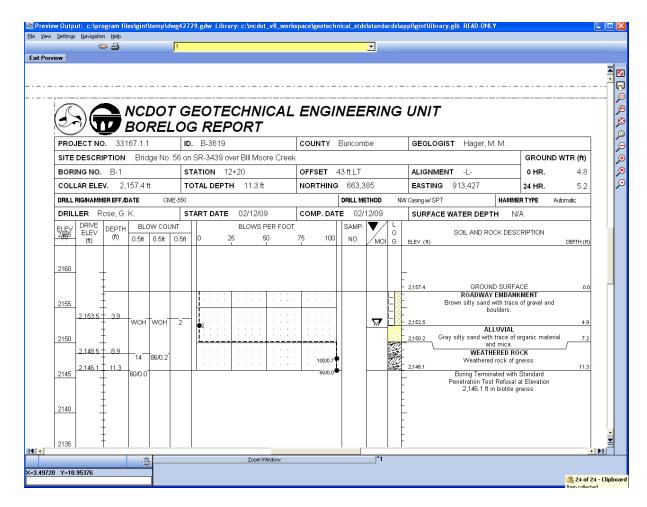


Figure 40: Corrected gINT Boring Log using N-Step rather than Implied Blows

➤ Sample Type must be Null for Implied Blows to be Correct

Erroneous entry of a sample type for implied blow may create a duplicate value if the depth is the same for an identical sample type (i.e., depth and sample type are components of primary key).

Depth (ft or m)	Length (ft or m)	Sample Type	Sample Number	Blows 1st	Blows 2nd	Blows 3rd	Blow Count Note	Moisture (%)	Moisture Desc	Implied Blows
0						10				~
2.5	1.5	SS	7	WOH	WOH	3			М	
7.5	1.5			8	13	6			D	
12.5	1.5			12	8	9			D	
17.5	0.1			60/0.1			60/0.1			
17.6				_	_	100				>

Figure 41: gINT Proper Sample Type with Implied Blows

Refer to: S:\Shared\Apps\gINT\Training2006\Class\gINT_TrainingDoc_Sept2006.doc

NOTE: Blows 1st and Blows 2nd should be null when Implied blows is checked.

First, note that a vertex for the Blow Count graph is shown on the field log at the ground surface. Enter the following values.

Depth: 0

Length: blank

Blows 1st, 2nd, and 3rd: null, null, 10

Implied Blows: checked

Note that to force a vertex in the blow count graph, the record is entered with a Depth value, but no Length value. Also, the first two Blows fields receive null, and the third Blows field receives the implied blow count value.

o Drop-Down Lists in gINT

gINT's drop-down lists must be used properly especially for those stored in EQuIS as reference values.

Appendix: Download and Install EDP Standalone

EDP standalone can be downloaded from http://www.earthsoft.com/?s=ncdot as shown in Figure 1. EDP standalone can be installed by anyone with administrative privileges, otherwise the installer will get an error message such as Figure 2.

Before installing, review the minimum system requirements:

http://help.earthsoft.com/display/EQuISProfessional/2.+EQuIS+5+System+Requirements#2.EQuIS5SystemRequirements-eq5proreq, summarized as: Microsoft Windows 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) operating system with latest applicable service pack: Windows XP, Windows Vista, or Windows 7; Microsoft .NET Framework v3.5 (32-bit 1). If users have permission to write to C:\Program Files\EarthSoft, they will be able to register.

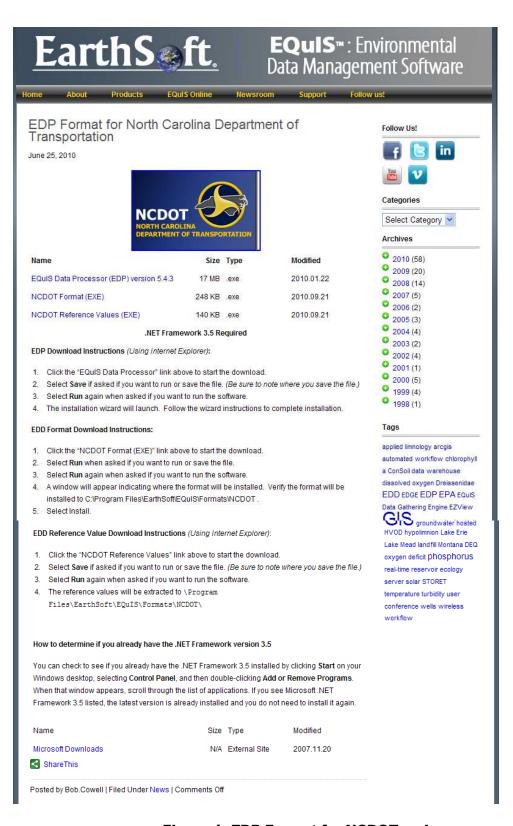


Figure 1: EDP Format for NCDOT webpage



Figure 2: Error Message Received due to Installation Attempt by Non-Administrator

Download three files: EQuIS Data Processor, NCDOT Format, and NCDOT Reference Values. Run the executable files. Follow install wizard steps.

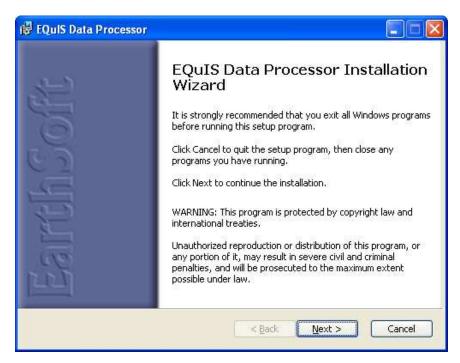


Figure 3: EQuIS Data Processor Installation Wizard



Figure 4: EQuIS Data Processor License Agreement

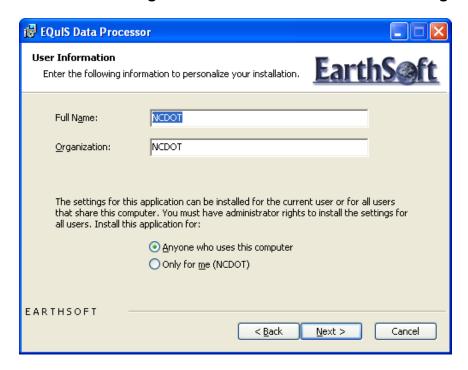


Figure 5: EQuIS Data Processor User Information

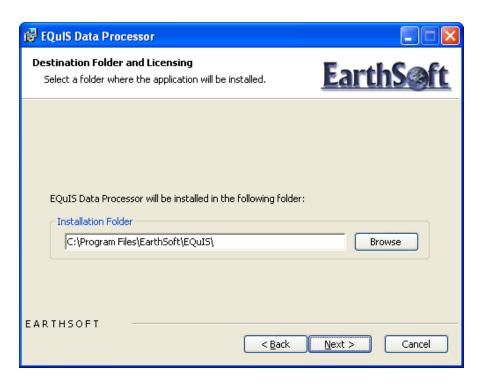


Figure 6: EQuIS Data Processor Destination Folder and Licensing

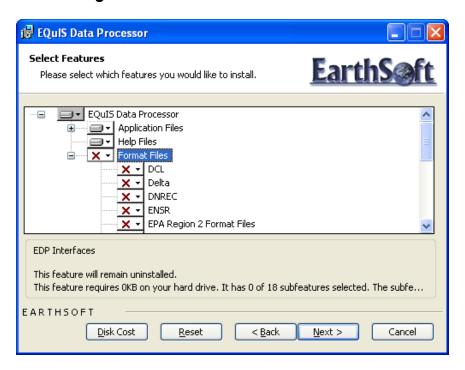


Figure 7: EQuIS Data Processor Select Features

It is adequate to chose: "This feature will remain uninstalled" for items above with a red "X". It is not required, because the next steps bring in the required format files.

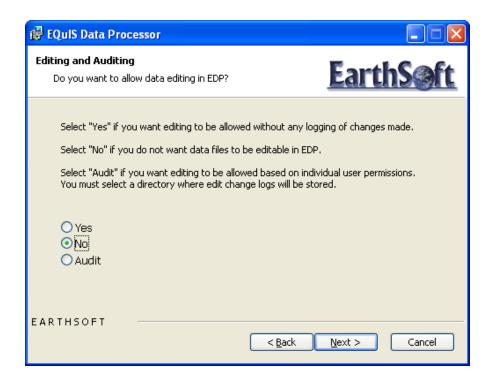


Figure 8: EQuIS Data Processor Editing and Auditing

It is recommended to select "No" in Figure G----above....Particiularly at NCDOT the admin should select "no".

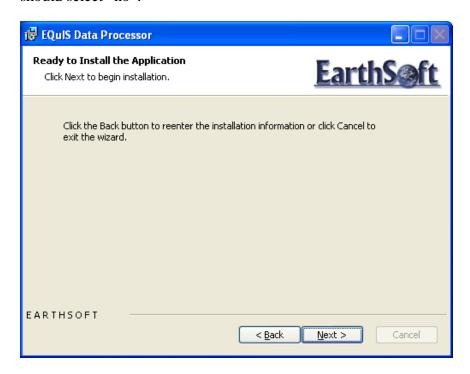


Figure 9: EQuIS Data Processor Ready to Install the Application

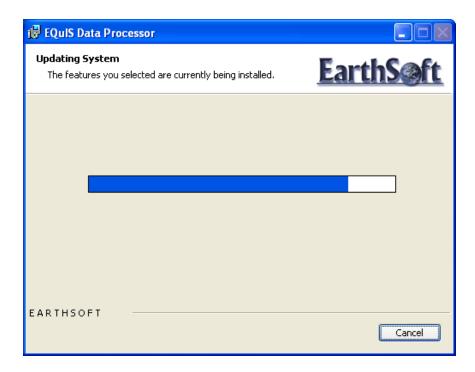


Figure 10: EQuIS Data Processor Updating System

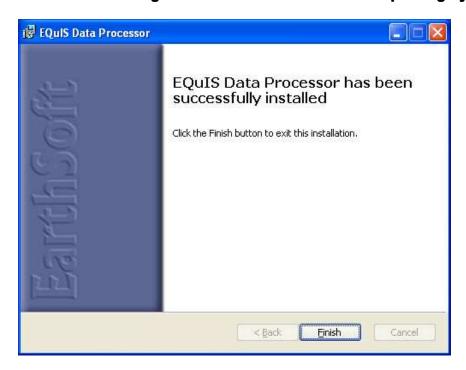


Figure 11: EQuIS Data Processor - Successfully Installed

Then, run the other two executable files (.exe) downloaded in order to install 1) format files and 2) reference value files. This step is not required by the NCDOT GEU field office personnel because it is adequate to use the files in workspace to access the format files.



Figure 12: Open File - Security Warning

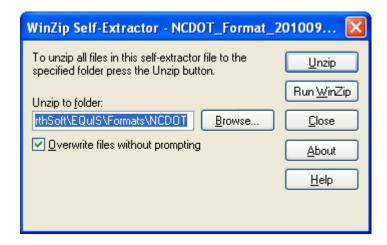


Figure 13: WinZip Self-Extractor NCDOT_Form - Click Unzip



Figure 14: WinZip Self-Extractor - Success

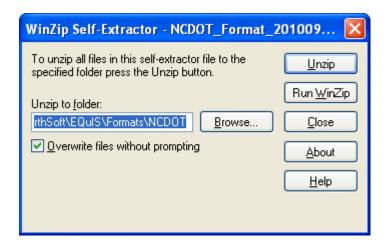


Figure 15: WinZip Self-Extractor NCDOT_Form - Click Close

Next, install reference value file.



Figure 16: Open File - Security Warning

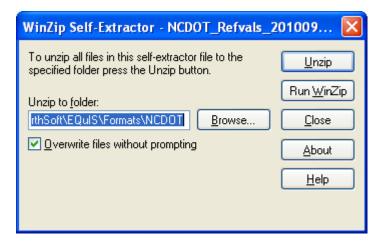


Figure 17: WinZip Self-Extractor NCDOT_Refvals - Click Unzip



Figure 18: WinZip Self-Extractor - Success

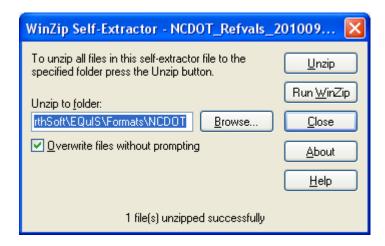


Figure 19: WinZip Self-Extractor NCDOT_Form - Click Close